



CSWC Operational Period Summary

0600 December 30 2014 to 1800 December 30 2014

Strong winds toppled trees in Paradise, Butte County on 12/30/14.

Photo Credit: KCRA

Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)

SITUATION SUMMARY

3.9 Earthquake, San Pedro Channel, Los Angeles County

At 1526 hours on 12/30/14, a verified 3.9 earthquake occurred in the San Pedro Channel, Los Angeles County. A Tsunami Information Statement was received and County OAs were briefed. There was no tsunami danger for California.

Power Lines Down, I-80, Vallejo, Solano

At approximately 1600 hours a tree and power lines went down due to winds on I-80 near Vallejo, Solano County. Both WB and EB lanes were temporarily closed; with detours in both directions.

As of 1645 hours on 12/30/14, both WB and EB lanes of I-80 were open. EB traffic is reduced to one lane at Tennessee St., as crews work to remove the tree and lines.

New Year's Eve, San Francisco

San Francisco DEM's EOC will be activated at Level B (partial with first responder elements) on 12/31/14, for the 2015 New Year's Eve Celebration. The EOC activation starts at 2100 hours and is estimated to conclude 01/01/15 at 0400 hours.

Contra Costa Health Center Lockdown

On 12/30/14 at 1224 hours, the California State Warning Center received reports indicating that Contra Costa County Health Centers were on lockdown after reports of gunfire. The Cal OES Law Duty Officer made contact with Contra Costa County Sherriff's Office, who advised that the lockdown was as a precaution only; the entire facility was swept and no subject was located. The lockdown was lifted at approximately 1300 hours without incident.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

SITUATION SUMMARY

Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Inland Region

- The Cal OES Law Duty Officer confirms that there have been two deaths in Butte County as a result of the wind event. There are unconfirmed reports indicating that (1) fatality occurred in Magalia from a tree onto an outbuilding and (1) fatality occurred in Paradise due to a tree falling on a vehicle. Butte County reports that approximately 20 homes have been damaged by fallen trees. Damage assessment will begin the morning of 12/31/14.
 - OA Activations
 - Butte County: Is at Level 1 EOC activation, providing public information and if needed, evacuation center support.
 - Evacuation Centers
 - Butte County: Magalia is getting hit with high winds causing a lot of downed trees on residences and power lines. The Red Cross is coordinating an evacuation center at the Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunnely Rd., in the town of Paradise.
 - Evacuation Shelters
 - At 1800 hours, a shelter has opened at the Paradise Alliance Church, 6491 Clark Road, Paradise, Butte County. If there are no residents by 2300 hours, they will close.
 - Warming Centers
 - Some counties are considering opening warming centers.
 - Utilities
 - Currently there approximately 5,800 residences without power in Butte County. 5,100 are in Paradise/Magalia and approximately 3,000 are anticipated to be restored by 2100 hours.
 - Road Closures
 - Several road closures have been reported due to downed trees and power lines.

Cal OES Coastal Region

- OA Activations
 - No OA EOC activations reported.
- Warming Centers
 - Contra Costa County: Trinity Center will activate an emergency response and welcome 12 men and women.
 - San Mateo County: Intends to open warming centers.
 - Santa Clara County: Through Sunday, the Boccardo Reception Center will remain open 24 hours for homeless seeking relief from the cold. Santa Clara County's largest cold weather shelter in Gilroy is also extending its hours, allowing homeless to stay from 1800 until 0800 hours.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Southern Region

- OA Activations
 - No OAs anticipate activating EOCs for the projected storm this week.
- Warming Centers
 - Santa Barbara County: Intends to open warming centers.

PG&E

- PG&E has activated their EOC and will remain activated overnight and through at least 12/31/14.
- As of 1730 hours on 12/30/14, approximately 57,352 power outages were reported across the state.

SMUD

- As of 1815 hours, SMUD is reporting 192 outages.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Weather of Concern

- A cold upper low will continue moving over California through the middle of the week, bringing a chilly and windy end to 2014.
- For Northern California, light snow accumulations will be possible along the Sierra. However, the bigger impact will be the north winds that develop into Wednesday. Trees remain drought-stressed may be more susceptible to being toppled than normal. The strong north winds are also an atypical direction for Solano County, and could lead to exacerbated downed tree issues.
- For Southern California, rain is going to be the problem in elevations below 2500 feet with snow above that level. Travel headaches are sure to be the rule on New Year's Eve. Snow expected in Southeast California Deserts and Mountains through Wednesday afternoon with up to 2 inches in most desert locations, including Joshua Tree National Park and the I-5 Grapevine, and 4 to 6 inches over higher elevations. Snow levels will drop to 2000 feet by early tomorrow morning. Very low temps are forecast for San Diego for New Year's Eve with coastal area temps ranging from 32 to 41 degrees.
- **Winter Storm Warning:** [Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties.](#)
- **High Wind Warning:** [Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Tuolumne, Yuba, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, and Los Angeles Counties.](#)
- **Freeze Watch:** [Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tuolumne, Yolo, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Imperial, and Riverside Counties.](#)
- **Freeze Warning:** [San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.](#)
- **Hard Freeze Watch:** [Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Tulare, Tuolumne, and San Bernardino Counties.](#)
- **Hard Freeze Warning:** [Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.](#)
- * **Expanded watch and warning information, organized by county, is accessible through the below link.**
- **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:** http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

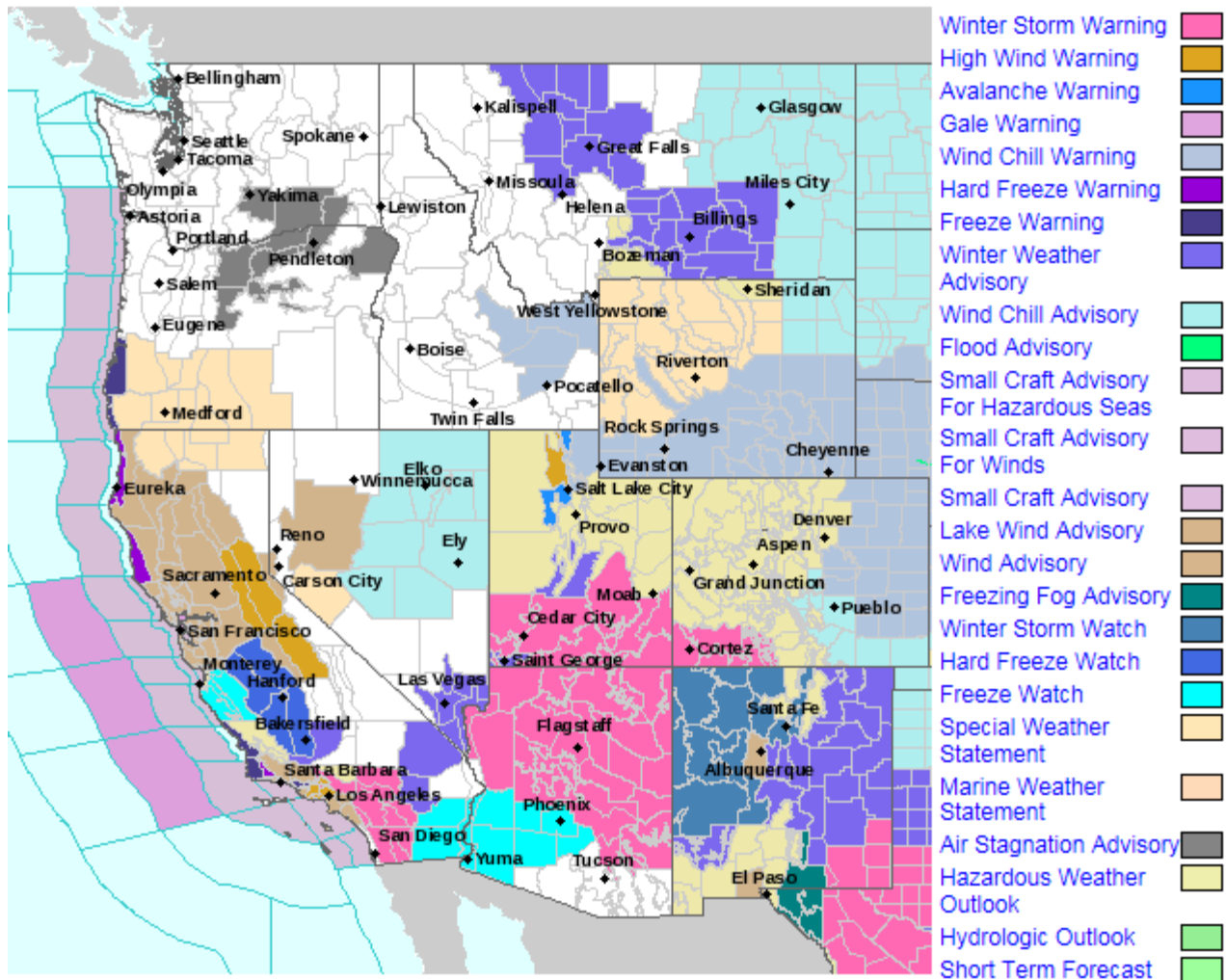
A cold, windy weather system will be moving south along the Sierra today and out of the Northern Operational Region later today. Some clouds and a few showers will linger over the Northern Sierra, mainly this morning. North to east winds will continue to develop over portions of Northern California today and become stronger. Wind gusts of 40-60 mph will be quite common, and some areas may see trees or power lines blown down. Wind speeds will be lower Wednesday and become quite light Thursday. Cold air will linger over Northern California for a few days with some very cold overnight lows expected tonight in valley areas, especially where with winds are light. Valleys in Northeast California will likely see overnight lows from around 5 to 15 degrees, and many other areas will be in the lower 20's. The amount of wind will have definite influence on the final overnight lows as less wind will allow for cooler temperatures. Mostly clear weather will prevail now into early next week as a high pressure ridge takes over the weather pattern for the weekend before it moves eastward early next week. Temperatures will be on a warming trend for the start of the New Year. A low pressure trough may move ashore the middle of next week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

An area of low pressure currently over Nevada will bring scattered rain and snow showers mainly to the Sierra and to Southern California through tonight. The snow level will drop to around 2,000 feet tonight, where 1 to 3 inches of new snow will fall. Below 2,000 feet, expect most locations to receive less than a quarter inch of rainfall. This low pressure area will also bring north to northeast winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph to the mountains and below the canyons and passes of Southern California this evening through Wednesday afternoon. Temperatures will be 10 to 15 degrees below normal through Thursday, with 30s in the mountains and mid 40s to mid 50s in the valleys. A ridge of high pressure will build into California bringing a warming trend and low humidity away from the San Joaquin Valley Friday through early next week. Temperatures will become above normal starting Sunday and will be 10 to 15 degrees above normal early next week. There will be gusty offshore winds across the wind prone areas of Southern California Thursday into early next week, but winds will be much lighter and less widespread than tonight and Wednesday.



STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Dec, 30th 2014 at 7:55:53 pm MST



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Boles Incident Vegetation Fire- City of Weed, Siskiyou County

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- On 10/06/14, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-27-14, which provides CDAA, and debris removal assistance, including the suspension of rules and regulations impacting debris removal. The EO also provides the ability for nonprofit organizations to seek reimbursement for extraordinary activities through the State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program. As of 12/05/14, all debris removal operations are complete.
- On 10/28/14, the City of Weed reestablished water pressure to its downtown area; however, the water storage capacity for fire suppression is still lacking. The City expects water storage to be restored by 12/31/14, or sooner if the weather permits.

Individual Assistance

- On 10/01/14, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration making SBA assistance available in the primary County of Siskiyou and the contiguous counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta, and Trinity, making low-interest federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the Boles Fire. The application deadline for property damage was 12/01/14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is 07/01/15.
- The Cal OES VAL continues to coordinate and participate in Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings with NGO, Faith Based, and local agencies. Shasta Community Foundation was identified as a fiscal agent for the group. Individuals needing assistance should be directed to the Family & Community Resource Center of Weed located at 260 Main Street, Weed. Funding organizations will assist with unmet needs through the case management process. The VAL continues to work with the Weed LTRG in identifying resources and gaps in services.
- The College of the Siskiyou's website contains a Fire Resource List of various local agencies offering goods and services. The document can be found at <http://www.siskiyou.edu/humanresources/documents/fireresourcelist.pdf>. Additional information on recovery efforts can be found at <https://weed.recovers.org/>.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interest physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 10 have withdrawn for a total of 53 RPAs submitted to FEMA.
- Kickoff Meeting: 53 Kickoff Meetings have been completed [of which 3 applicants have withdrawn; one kickoff meeting is scheduled for the first week of January](#) leaving 2 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are drafted, [48 PWs have been entered into the federal database system, 45 of which have been obligated.](#)

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting on December 18, 2014.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- [The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.](#)
- Assistance Centers – [The SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center \(DLOC\) in Vallejo closed at the end of the business day on Tuesday, 12/23/14. The Local Assistance Center \(LAC\) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff as well as reduced FEMA staffing. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday \(closed 01/01/15\).](#)

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. At this time, Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- IDE field validations have been completed in Tehama and San Mateo Counties.
- IDE field validations are being performed in Sonoma County.
- IDE field validations are scheduled as follows:
 - Marin County 01/06/15
 - Lake County 01/06/15

Individual Assistance

- On behalf of the Governor, the Cal OES Director requested SBA to declare San Mateo County a disaster area.
- A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be established for residents and business owners to apply for assistance at the South San Francisco Parking Structure located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF. If SBA declares, it will operate a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the LAC location and will continue as needed. LAC hours of operation are Monday, 01/05/15, and Tuesday, 01/06/15, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- On 12/29/14, a joint damage assessment was conducted by SBA, Cal OES, and the County Tehama as a result of the December Winter Storms. As a result of the assessment, a letter requesting SBA to declare Tehama County a disaster area was prepared.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

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- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- [Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.](#)



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